

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-19 and 21-38 were pending in the application. They are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claim 39 has been added. None of the references cited by the Examiner, whether taken alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest the limitations recited by Claim 39. Reconsideration and allowance of newly added Claim 39 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe that no fees other than the fees submitted herewith are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2816 of Patton Boggs, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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